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SENATOR CLARK INTERVIEWED

Guest: Senator Joseph Clark, Democrat, Pennsylvania.

REPORTER: "Senator, recently a gentleman lost a libel suit against the CIA. And they said, the court, I believe, that the CIA could say anything they wanted to, in fact in -- when they were protecting our national security.

"Senator, has the CIA -- is it above the law now? Is that what they're telling us?"

SENATOR CLARK: "I'll answer your question indirectly, by saying, in my judgement, there are three major threats to the successful survival of American democracy. And the first is that military-industrial complex which General Eisenhower warned us against, which is evidenced in very high quarters by our strong support of military regimes in various parts of the world. And by the enormous impact which the military and their industrial partners exercise over public opinion -- the effect they have on members of Congress and of the Senate.

"The second danger is the CIA. An intelligence agency which we've got to have, which practically every other nation has. Which I think, in our country has achieved a position of power pretty close to the danger line.

"And the third is evidenced by recent disclosures in the newspapers, is the FBI and the threat they pose to the privacy of the individual citizen, and the further threat they pose by way of blackmail, direct or indirect, on anybody who has the effrontery to say anything unkind about Mr. J. Edgar Hoover."